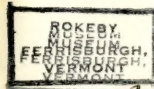


tive of complexion and sex. Either of those institutions would doubtless be glad to receive any portion of the bequest referred to, and to apply it in accordance with the wishes of those who hold the money in trust. As the pioneer institution in the fiery days of old, I have taken a special interest in the College at Berea, as it has triumphantly solved the problem whether whites and blacks can be amicably and advantageously educated together. But I also think particularly well of Hampton University, and the Fiske University. Any letter of inquiry to either the President or the Treasurer of these institutions would no doubt result in furnishing you with all the information concerning them that you and your colleagues might wish to possess. If I can be of any service, please let me know.

Yours to uplift the fallen,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.



of temporary illness now the  
cause of the delay in answering your  
first letter.

125 Highland Street,  
Boston, July 11, 1878.

Rowland T. Robinson:

My dear and venerated Friend—  
I regret having put you to the trouble to write a second time to ~~me~~, concerning the matter referred to in your first letter; the receipt of which was next to looking you directly in the face, and receiving the warm grasp of your hand, as in "days of auld lang syne." I always placed you high on my list of friends and co-laborers the most esteemed and the truest; and it affords me the greatest satisfaction to know that you have been preserved to hear the ringing of the jubilee bell, and to witness all those marvellous changes which have taken place in our land within less than a score of years.



You have at last attained to the dignity of an octogenarian, while I have transcended the allotted "threescore years and ten." But how many of the true-hearted men and women, who, from an early period, gave themselves unreservedly to the cause of negro emancipation, have seen "the last of earth," leaving a comparatively small number to follow them in due time! I hope for a blessed reunion, under better conditions and on a higher plane; and the nearer I get to that "inevitable hour" which comes to all, and cannot be far distant, and may be very near, I see more and more clearly the divine beneficence of such a transition. It only remains for us to stand in our lot, and be "Dressed for the flight, and ready to be gone." If we should not meet again in the flesh, I have an unshaken faith that we shall be permitted to do so when "clothed upon."

But I must not pursue these reflections. You wish to be advised how best to apply the philanthropic bequest of your deceased friend Joseph Rogers, with reference to our colored population, especially the freedmen at the South. Unquestionably, next to the protection of their citizenship, what they most stand in need of is education, in all its branches; and this is naturally to be sought through those institutions which have been organized expressly for that object. There is the Howard University at Washington, D. C.; the Hampton University in Virginia, under the superintendence of General Armstrong; the Wilberforce University at Xenia, Ohio; the Fiske University at Nashville, Tennessee; and the Berea College at Berea, Kentucky, of which President Fairchild is at the head, and which is successfully educating hundreds of students, irrespec-